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SUBJECT: GENEVA EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

1. PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (ATUF)
ANTON BENYA AND ATUF SEC GEN ALFRED STROER (IN CHARGE
INTERNATIONAL AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) TOLD LABATT IN
SEPARATE MEETING LAST WEEK THAT THEY WERE VERY SATISFIED
WITH RESULTS OF SECOND E/W TRADE UNION CONFERENCE AT
GENEVA. BENYA SAID CONFERENCE LIVED UP TO HIS EXPECTATIONS
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(AND PREDICTION TO LABATT LAST OCTOBER -- SEE MEMCON OF

OCT. 8, 1974) IN THAT THERE WERE NO RPT NO DEVELOPMENTS
ALONG LINES OBJECTIONABLE TO WEST.

2. BOTH BENYA AND STROER GAVE CREDIT FOR CONFERENCE'S
HEWING STRICTLY TO TECHNICAL SUBJECT MATTER TO STRONGER
LEADERSHIP OF ETUC BY VETTER AND BETTER PREPARATION AND
COORDINATION OF WESTERN UNIONS RESULTING FROM CAUCUS OF
REPS OF ICFTU UNIONS BEFORE CONFERENCE. AUSTRIANS
GRATIFIED 1) THAT CREATION OF FOLLOW-UP ORGANIZATION WAS
AVOIDED (THEY SAID SOME WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WERE
INCLINED TO GIVE SOVIETS WHAT THEY WANTED IN ANOTHER GUISE),
AND 2) THAT FIRM DATE NOT SET FOR THIRD CONFERENCE.
AUSTRIANS BELIEVE AD HOC APPROACH TO FURTHER CONFERENCES
WILL HELP KEEP SOVIETS AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTICIPANTS
FOCUSSED ON TECHNICAL SUBJECTS RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL
MATTERS.

3. STROER WAS PLEASED THAT AFL-CIO REP IN EUROPE WAS IN
GENEVA. HE SAID IRVING BROWN'S STATEMENT TO WESTERN UNIONS
TO EFFECT THAT ANY ACTION BRINGING PLO INTO ILO ACTIVITIES
COULD JEOPARDIZE US CONTRIBUTION TO ILO BUDGET HAD HAD
STRONG IMPACT ON WORK OF ILO GOVERNING BODY'S COMMITTEE
ON STANDING ORDERS IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO STROER, AUSTRIAN
WORKER GROUP MEMBER WEISSENBERG SOUGHT SUCCESSFULLY TO
RETURN QUESTION OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS TO GENERAL
CONFERENCE FOR DECISION.MOWINCKEL

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